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The Applicants respectfully request that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each non-US patent reference is enclosed. If any of these references were uncovered by an international or foreign search as part of a counterpart application filed by the Applicants, then a copy of the search report is also enclosed.

Under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) (effective March 16, 1992), for those above-cited references that are in the English language, the Applicants submit that no specific comments are necessary for any of these.

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necessary for the accompanying references to be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office.

For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants have also enclosed an English language abstract for the Japanese patent application (Reference AF).

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